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Hon. J. J. Russell.

of Charleston, Mississippi county, who is a candidate for nomination for the position of member of the national house of representatives in the congress of the United States, for this, the Fourteenth district of Missouri, is not a stranger to the voters of Ripley county, nor to the district generally, for ever since he became sufficiently along in years to take an interest in politics he has consistently and at all times and under all circumstances strenuously upheld the tenets of the Democratic faith and has never let a campaign pass that he was not out at work for the good of the cause, sometimes at the expense of the state committee, but more often paying his bills out of his own pocket, when there was nothing at stake for him but the good of the party.

Mr. Russell is a lawyer of acknowledged ability, and stands at the head of the bar in his home county, where the bar is one of the strongest in Southeast Missouri. His integrity is unquestionable, and he is known as an honest, straightforward man in all the walks of life.

Two years ago he was nominated for the position he again seeks, without opposition, at a convention held at West Plains. During the campaign that followed he visited every county in the district and not only spoke but helped the local committees in their work. Though he went down to defeat in the general slump, he was stronger than the national ticket, and received several hundred more votes than the electors. It was through no fault of his that he was defeated, as he was carried down along with a majority of the Missouri congressional delegation, and he is asking a renomination now, believing that it rightly belongs to him, but he does not ask it under the presumption that it is his by right.

That he has the ability to make a good representative all who have an understanding of the duties of such position believe, as he is qualified mentally for committee work or floor work, and past legislative experience in the Missouri legislature places him in position to easily grasp the opportunities offered for advancement on the floor of the national house, especially when there are many green members.

Mr. Russell will make a thorough canvass of the county between now and the time of the primary election on the 17th inst. He does not make the race as a representative of a class, and for the purpose of looking after the interests of one class only, but on the broad platform of the interests of all the people, and especially on the platform of the Democratic party, past, present and future. His candidacy is entitled to the respectful consideration of every Democratic voter in this county, and this will be given him by all fair-minded people.

In this connection it may not be out of place to refer to the political condition of the district. Many republicans claim that the result of the election in 1904, and the changes since, have made this a doubtful district, but if they will make examination of the facts they will find this: The Republican vote in 1900 in the 14th congressional district was 23,364; in 1902, 16,788; in 1904, 23,401, showing a gain of 37 votes in four years. The Democratic vote for 1900 was 26,434; for 1902, 19,868; for 1904, 20,050, thus showing a stay-at-home Democratic vote of 6,500 in the district. Tyndall's majority in the district was 2,528, so that this congressional district is normally Democratic by a majority of over 3,000, not allowing for any increase—and Democrats have a knack of replenishing the earth, as will be forcefully impressed on our Republican brethren next November.

John Morgan Atkinson.

whose announcement has appeared in the columns of the DEMOCRAT as a candidate for the office of Representative in the legislature of Missouri, for Ripley county, is a native of Tennessee having been born in Hickman county September 14, 1870. He came to Ripley county with his parents in the fall of 1873, when but three years old, and they settled in Kelley township, on Buffalo creek, on a farm, where the Atkinson homestead is well known. He was educated in the public schools of the county, and after going as far as he could in the work then taught in our school system came to Doniphan and went through the course provided by the high school, finishing up his educational studies by courses in the Cape Normal school. He taught several terms of school to aid his progress through the high schools, and was a very successful teacher. He became deputy county clerk under Jas. K. Langford in 1894, and on expiration of Mr. Langford's term was a candidate for the office and though the youngest man in the race, won the office at the primary, defeating several very reputable and highly honored citizens. He served two terms as county clerk, and while holding the office studied law and was admitted to the bar at the close of his term as clerk. He was elected to the position of representative in 1902, and on taking his seat immediately became one of the active, moving forces of the body, becoming one of that class, that in all legislative bodies goes to the front as a leader, some naturally, others by experience, and still others by upright character, honesty of purpose and determination. He was recognized as a sterling character by the leaders and state officials and became one of their safest counsellors. He was the second member of the judiciary committee at the first session, and was chairman of the committee on engrossed bills. He was re-elected to the Forty-third general assembly in 1904, and as the house had a republican majority was the minority candidate for speaker, and that honor would have been given him had his party had the majority as it will if the next house is Democratic, he already having received many letters from friends who will be in the next house pledging their support for the position. During the session of the house he was the recognized leader of the minority, and lead the fights for all the questions of moment and interest to the state, especially on the investigation of house lobbying, his efforts resulting in the resolution carrying. He was a member of the visiting committee to the eleemosynary institutions of the state, and his committee made the fullest and most complete report every made of their condition and situations. He was instrumental in getting better railroad service for this place and for other places in the state situated as our city, and on the whole was a most consummate and successful member, being a hard worker and one who had the friendship of the entire body. His record during his service in the house is unimpeachable and he stands as near the state administration as it is possible for a member to stand. As an attorney, locally, he is one of the leaders of our bar. For the past five years he has been city attorney and in that capacity has made a study of municipal law that places him in the front rank of those

who prepare for special practice.

His record as a citizen is an open book to all our people and no encomiums we might utter would add a jot to it. He is unopposed for a third term, and the future is bright for him.

Mr. Atkinson has a very pleasant home in this city; is married and has one child, a son. He is a member of Cumberland Presbyterian church, and belongs to several secret societies.



David B. Young.

whose name is found among our announcements, is a candidate for the office of probate judge, for a second term, to succeed himself.

Mr. Young, though a native of Tennessee, has been a citizen of Ripley county so long that it is forgotten that he is not a native. He was raised in this county, and during his life has frequently held positions of trust bestowed upon him by the people, having at different times been sheriff, collector and probate judge. He has made a good official, otherwise the people would not continue to bestow their favor upon him. He is married and has a family and a very handsome home in the city.

While the office of probate judge in this county is not very remunerative, yet it is one that requires considerable work and much attention, and Judge Young, during the past term, has devoted his time to the duties of the office, and discharged those duties in a highly creditable and most satisfactory manner.



Andrew Jackson O'Neal

is a candidate for the position of sheriff of Ripley county, asking the nomination for a second term. The office of sheriff is one of the few that the law permits the holder to possess but two terms in succession. Mr. O'Neal has been sheriff before his present term, but has never succeeded himself, and he asks the office again at the hands of the voters, knowing that it will end his term if he is again successful.

He is a native of Ripley county, of Gatewood township, and has spent the greater part of his life here, being educated in the schools of the county. His age is 43 years. He is married and has a family, having eight children living and five dead—thirteen in all. He has made a very competent and satisfactory official and needs no endorsement at our hands, as his past record as sheriff is sufficient to commend him for further service. He has always been active and earnest in the effort to capture law-breakers and applies the same earnestness to all his official duties.

Some Words of Justice.

As there are quite a number of rumors throughout the county relative to the failure of Nunnelee & Randel, I feel that it would be but an act of justice for me to make an explanation through the papers of the county as to the real facts relative to the failure of this firm as I have found them from what I personally know myself, and what I have gathered from the books of the business.

From the books, and from observation on my part, I have found that the financial troubles of the firm began shortly after they entered into business, and the cause of the same was not by direct fault of either Mr. Nunnelee or Mr. Randel, but at that time they suffered quite a heavy loss, and since that time they continued the business until the failure with the hope, I suppose, of finally getting over their difficulties. The books show that each of these partners invested \$1733.30 in the business, the greater part of which money was raised by mortgaging their respective real estate.

At the time of their assignment I was present, representing quite a number of their creditors, and took part in all the proceedings. The creditors appointed me, together with W. H. S. Miles, to wind up the business for them. At that meeting Nunnelee & Randel made a statement to their creditors showing less than \$100 difference between their assets and liabilities, although by reason of having to sell the goods at a discount, and because some of the accounts are not good, the creditors will suffer quite a loss. Also, at that meeting Nunnelee & Randel made a statement of all their property, real and personal, outside of the business, and offered to turn the same over to their creditors. The creditors, of their own free will, and because, as they said, of the fairness of Nunnelee & Randel, refused to take any deed to their homes, and told them they could retain their homes and separate personal property. In no place is there any sign of either of them ever having decided any of their land to their wives. Nowhere in the books, which I have examined, have I found any sign of an intention to defraud their creditors or any one else, and from all my observations I do not believe that either of these parties came out of this business with anything except that property which they offered to their creditors and which their creditors permitted them to retain.

I desire to say that in this matter I represent only the creditors. I make this statement because I feel it to be but a mere act of justice to Nunnelee & Randel, because I feel that in view of the many rumors the people ought to know the true facts, and because I feel that I am merely doing what any good citizen ought to do—that is, to defend the honor and reputation of his fellow man whenever the same is in danger.

ALFRED PERKINS, Trustee.

Starving to Death.

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat, Mrs. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair St., Columbus, O., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not eat, and my nerves so wrecked that I could not sleep; and not before I was given to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed. Best health tonic on earth. 50c Guaranteed at Johnston's Pharmacy."

Joe Russell Steered It.

It was decided by the congressional committee at Poplar Bluff Monday to elect a democratic nominee by the primary plan and ordered a general primary election in all counties in the district to be held on Saturday, May 26. We endorse the committee's action—the primary is the proper plan. The bosses can't hide the "pea" in a primary like they can in a convention, thereby thwarting the will of a majority. The candidate that was instrumental in bringing about the primary should have the hearty support of all good democrats, because he has shown that he is not afraid to come out in the open and present his claims to the plain people. The candidate that does this will have our support.—Oran Citizen.

The Breath of Life.

It's a significant fact that the strongest animal of its size, the gorilla, also has the largest lungs. Powerful lungs means powerful creatures. How to keep the breathing organs right should be man's chief study. Like thousands of others, Mrs. Ora A. Stephens, of Fort Williams, O., has learned how to do this. She writes: "Three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery stopped my cough of two years and cured me of what my friends thought consumption. O, it's grand for throat and lung troubles." Guaranteed at Johnston's Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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